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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Donna R. Searcy
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation
General Docket No. 90-314
ET Docket No. 92-100 ✓

Dear Ms. Searcy:

We are writing this ex parte letter to comment on the proposal of In-Flight Phone Corporation in the captioned proceeding for an allocation of one channel block of 500 kHz from the 3 MHz available for PCS in the 900 MHz band for a live audio programming service for airline passengers. Our interest in the In-Flight proposal is that the ABC Radio Network division of Capital Cities/ABC has contracted with In-Flight to provide the programming for the proposed service.

We recognize that the Commission faces a difficult task in weighing the relative merits of competing spectrum allocation proposals. We request that the Commission, in performing this delicate balancing of interests, take into account what we believe would be the significant public interest benefits of the proposed In-Flight service.

In-Flight estimates that on any given day there are typically 1.25 million people in this country who spend considerable time aboard aircraft cut off from access to the broadcast media. The proposed In-Flight service will give these passengers live access to the ABC Radio Networks, including an extensive array of music, news, weather, sports and specialty programs. The news programs are produced by ABC News, the world's largest news organization. The specialty programs include talk shows, the Peter Jennings Journal and Paul Harveys News and Commentary.

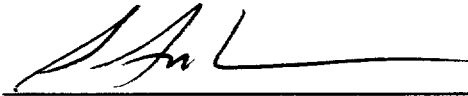
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In this modern age of communications, when instant access to information is commonplace, it is anomalous that airline passengers who travel at times when significant news is breaking or when popular sports or other events are underway should continue to be out of touch with what is going on in the world. In-Flight's proposal would remedy that situation and we would urge the Commission to give it careful consideration.

Two additional copies of this letter are enclosed for inclusion in the public record.

CAPITAL CITIES/ABC, INC.

By



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ITS ATTORNEY

Enclosure

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